

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of connecting a flat cable having flat
conductors arranged in parallel and covered with an
5 insulating material to a connecting terminal, in which crimp
pieces of the connecting terminal are pierced into a desired
conductor of conductors of the flat cable, with a gap left
between a substrate of the connecting terminal and the flat
cable, and leading ends of the crimp pieces penetrating the
10 flat cable are bent inwardly, while maintaining a contact
position of the crimp pieces penetrating the conductor and
the conductor unchanged. Also disclosed are an apparatus for
embodying the connecting method and a method for determining
a connecting state between the flat cable and the connecting
15 terminal.